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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Item 4 (b)

Programme 2
Disarmament

1. At its 9th meeting, on 17 June 2002, the Committee considered the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. It had before it proposals in respect of programme 2, Disarmament (A/57/6 (Prog. 2)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 2 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan under programme 2, which reflected action taken by the General Assembly during its fifty-sixth session in its resolutions 56/24 T on multilateral cooperation in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation and global efforts against terrorism and 54/24 V on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, as well as changes in the programme narrative, in line with General Assembly resolution 56/253.

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4. Satisfaction was expressed with the new indicator of achievement proposed under subprogramme 2, Weapons of mass destruction, contained in paragraph 2.17 (d). The view was expressed that that indicator of achievement could be easily measured and that it was appropriate to include it under the subprogramme. Queries were raised about the additional expected accomplishments and indicators of achievements proposed and about the method of measurement to quantify satisfaction by States Parties. The view was also expressed that the proposed revisions under programme 2 should be consistent with all the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 56/24 T and 56/24 V.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly approve the revisions proposed by the Secretary-General to programme 2, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:**

Paragraph 2.16 (a)

Retain the original wording of paragraph 2.16 (a) of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as contained in document A/55/6/Rev.1.

Paragraphs 2.19 (a), 2.19 (b) and 2.23 (d)

In the French version, include the words "small arms" before the words "light weapons" in every instance where the latter words appear.

Paragraph 2.14 (d)

Replace the subparagraph with the following to reflect the relevant provision of General Assembly resolution 56/24 T:

> **"Assist Member States, at their request, in their efforts in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism".**

Paragraph 2.16 (c)

Replace the subparagraph with the following to reflect the relevant provision of General Assembly resolution 56/24 T:

> **"Enhanced multilateral cooperation in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation, within existing mandates, as a contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security and the global efforts against terrorism".**

Paragraph 2.17 (a)

Delete the last sentence, reading "This would include sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference and ad hoc meetings".

Paragraph 2.17 (d)

Replace the subparagraph with the following to reflect the relevant provision of General Assembly resolution 56/24 T:

> **"Greater awareness of States of the need for progress in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation in order to help maintain international peace and security and to contribute to global efforts against terrorism".**

Paragraph 2.23 (a)

Replace the words "Further development" with the words "Improved functioning".

Paragraph 2.23 (d)

Delete the words "conventional disarmament initiatives, including".